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Re:

Applicant: HORTON, Dave

Group Art Unit: 1712

Serial No.: 10/604,754

Examiner: TUCKER, Phillip C.

Filed: August 14, 2003

For: "DRILLING FLUIDS, DRILLING FLUIDS ADDITIVES AND METHODS
USEFUL FOR LIMITING TAR SANDS ACCRETION ON METAL
SURFACES"

Honourable Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks,
Washington, D.C. 20231,
U.S.A.

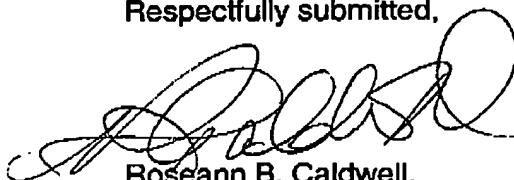
Sir:

EXPRESS ABANDONMENT

The office is requested to expressly abandon the above-noted patent application in favor of applicant's corresponding application 10/604,733 filed previously. As such the invention in the above-noted application is not expressly abandoned, but rather pursued in the corresponding application.

Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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